

Frankie Mason Has Chance at World Honors---Ed Gharrity Will Report

LOOKING 'EM OVER

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Mason Faces Opportunity

Frankie Mason, of Fort Wayne, Ind., practically unknown three years ago, tonight faces his grand opportunity. If he lives up to his advance notices, Mason will prove to the world that he is the best flyweight in existence. Mason tonight faces Jimmy Wilde, of England, the champion among the midgelets, in a twelve-round bout at Toledo, a town inhabited for a brief while last summer by Messrs. Willard and Dempsey prior to the absolute slaughter of the Pottawatomie cowboy.

Wilde and Mason are to make 108 pounds at 3 o'clock today. A knockout for Mason will give him the world's flyweight title, but as the referee is not empowered to render a decision on points, if both men are on their feet with the bell at the end of the twelfth, the wee Welshman will retain his honors. Educated bankrolls are on Wilde to escape the sleep kick, their owners remembering Mason's disinclination to force the fighting.

Tonight's bout at Toledo is the first carded for so light a poundage since the days when Jimmy Barry used to show his class in the squared circle. The little Chicagoan frequently went into the ring at 100 pounds, and even a pound or so lighter, meeting all comers and retiring without suffering defeat. Mason wanted 105 pounds for his clash with Wilde, but the champion insisted on 108, as he wants to build himself up and likes the rare, juicy steaks he has been getting since coming to America.

How good is Mason? Well, let's look at what he has done with boxers who have faced Wilde. Both flyweights have fought Joe Lynch, of New York, now performing as a featherweight; Pat Moore, of Memphis; Jack Sharkey, of New York, and Patsy Wallace, of Philadelphia.

Mason has the edge. Going back to these four bouts for comparison, Mason seems to have the edge over his British rival.

Wilde defeated Joe Lynch, scoring a knockdown. Mason conceded this same Lynch twelve pounds and gave him a terrible trouncing last September in Baltimore.

Wilde's first appearance in this country was at Milwaukee against Jack Sharkey, who was accorded the newspaper verdict over the world's titleholder. Last May in Detroit, Mason received the scribes' verdict over this same Jack Sharkey after a fast bout.

Last week in Philadelphia Wilde outpointed Patsy Wallace in six rounds, but was forced to the limit, once being sent to the mat with a clip on the chin. In Cleveland recently Mason gave Wallace a sound beating.

Has Referee's Decision. Wilde has fought Memphis Pat Moore twice. The American shaded Wilde in a four-round bout in London during the inter-allied tourney, but later was defeated over the long

Connie Picks Indians To Land Flag.

LAKE CHARLES, La., March 12.—"I'm picking the Indians to win the American League pennant for 1920," says Connie Mack. "I don't attempt to place the others, but I believe the Indians are going to be on the top next fall. I don't see how any team is going to beat them out. If they have the average luck a ball club encounters through the season, they will finish on top."

route. Mason has a referee's decision over Memphis Pat, showing fully as much speed and better hitting strength.

There you have what each of these midgelets has done against the same opponents. Yes, it does look like Mason to win from Wilde. Nevertheless, at the same time the wise ones are banking against Mason's winning the title. They admit he might be given a newspaper verdict in twelve rounds, but they're not banking much on that, either. Somehow or other, since Wilde has shaken his sea legs he has been boxing in fine style and gaining admirers wherever he has appeared.

Mason, though a midgelet, is no chicken. He is more than thirty years old, married and settled down, as the saying puts it. Until the war, Mason was a proof-reader on the Fort Wayne Journal, boxing more for pleasure and health's sake than for any other reason. Now, if you know any proof-readers, you'll be surprised to find one a fighter in the ring—in the ring, we said. But Mason is one. Going to camp, Mason began boxing more than ever and, on receiving his discharge from the service, he determined to follow the profession of boxing rather than that of detecting errors in other folks' work. And he has been on the upward road ever since.

Tonight he has his grand opportunity. If he has it in him, he may emerge from the ring at Toledo world's flyweight champion. But the wise betting is against him.

GHARRITY CHANGES MIND ABOUT IT ALL

Holdout Catcher Now Expected To Report to Play Against Champions.

TAMPA, Fla., March 12.—Ed Gharrity, the Griffins' lone holdout, is expected to report here in time to get into the series with the world's champion Cincinnati Reds, which begins March 22. Gharrity has weakened in his stand when he finds himself about to be suspended by the National Commission and subject to a fine before coming back into the fold. If the report received here that the catcher wants to report to the Reds, Gharrity today said that he would endeavor to have the National Commission permit the catcher to join the team without paying any fine.

Today the second game with Tampa will be played, giving the big league boss a view of some of his pitchers. In yesterday's contest, won by the Griffins, 13 to 3, Davey Crockett, the Oklahoma flinger, made a favor, the impression by his work in three innings. He is much too green to land a big league berth this season, but President Griffith says the youngster will not be dropped unceremoniously. Crockett has the earmarks of developing into a real wonder.

The three games booked with Tommy Leach's Smokers will serve to fit the Washington players for the harder contests coming with the world's champions. Leach's team is much too weak for ordinary service later, but right now his pitchers offer the best of practice for the Griffins.

MIAMI, Fla., March 12.—The Reds staged their first game of the ball year and went ten innings with the Grays, defeating the colts, 3 to 2. Smith and Waters, recruits, twirled for the regulars, with Ruethe and Ring for the colts.

NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—Joe Harris, the Indian first baseman, is still a holdout. However, judging from present indications his absence will not be noticed. Doc Johnston is displaying unusual form in the daily workouts and will fill Harris' shoes without trouble.

COLUMBUS, Ga., March 12.—Removal of the shine ball and other freak deliveries will not hurt any of the good pitchers, in the opinion of the dean of National League umpires, William Klein, who is touring the training belt, explaining things. William Klein, who is touring the training belt, explaining things. William Klein, who is touring the training belt, explaining things.

MACON, Ga., March 12.—Outfielder Chick Shorten and Sammy Hale, a third baseman, were in Detroit uniforms today for the first time. A hot battle for the regular job at the "hot" corner is now on between Bobby Jones, Ralph Pinelli and Hale.

TAYLOR, Tex., March 12.—Bert Galia, having arrived at the Brown's camp, only three of Burke's hopefuls are now missing—Wellman, Manel and Bush. "Jeff" Davis is showing up fine. The youngster from Louisville probably will make a berth in the big show this year.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 12.—Old regulars and young recruits battled it out Thursday when Manager Rickey sent Bill Holden, the sensational young giant from Tennessee, into the box to oppose the veterans in a practice game. The veterans won, 11 to 0.

GALLAUDET CANCELS. Just as the Gallaudet College basketball players were ready to embark for Akron, Ohio, yesterday they were refused permission to leave town for the two games in the Ohio city. Akron authorities wanted to switch dates at the last moment, and the Gallaudet men found the trip too expensive. Basketball will be abandoned for the remainder of the season.

GOOD BATTLE LISTED. Yankee Y. M. C. A. basketballs will take on the Epiphany Comets in the Epiphany gymnasium tonight in a game expected to be one of the best of the season.

WESTERN WINS TWO. Western High School basketballs won two games yesterday. The juniors defeated the Edwin A. C. team by 43 to 22, and the midgelets defeated the Cooke School players by 37 to 21.

WALTER REED BEATEN. Walter Reed Hospital basketballs lost down by a score of 41 to 23 to the Walter Reed Hospital gymnasium last night, when the Yankee Y. M. C. A. team got going.

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The much talked of McKeesport High-Tech basketball team is on tap at Catholic University today. The Pennsylvanians who cleaned up in the sectional battles in the Keystone State and who have met defeat but twice this season are reported to be in fine fettle for today's game. Wednesday, the McKeesport nine was beaten by ten points in a game with Tome. The Tome lads have shown that they were better by from fifteen to forty points over anything in this section of the country.

Tech will have Norman Hutchinson back in the game which argues well for success. Hutchinson, Loehler, Gionell, Parker and Gude will play for Tech. The visitors depend upon Sharpe, Buchanan, Ramsey, Mulholland and Vukmanic.

Buchanan's thirteen out of sixteen free tosses at Tome makes him formidable from the fifteen foot circle. Tech is reported to have the jump in centre, and just as strong guards as the visitors.

EXPECT FEW SHIFTS IN FOOTBALL CODE OF PLAY

NEW YORK, March 12.—Members of the football rules committee will hold a clinic over the gridiron code here tonight for the first time in several years. Radicals and football coaches and officials who are advocating a number of changes in the rules will be given a hearing, but few, if any, changes are expected.

TED CANN WINS TITLE FOR 100-YARDS EVENT

BROOKLINE, Mass., March 12.—Ted Cann, of the Detroit A. C., is the United States amateur indoor champion swimmer at 100 yards. He won the title last night at the municipal tank. Cann's time was 55.25 seconds. Clement Browne, of Chicago A. A., was second.

PLAY IN TWO WEEKS. If weather conditions are right and the teams are in condition baseball games will be staged here within two weeks. While the college nines are pretty well under way the scholastic teams are slow in getting going this season.

SIGNS OWN CONTRACT. Dissatisfied with his contract, Lefty Whitehouse jumped the Minneapolis Millers last season to play with a club in the Iron Range. This year he was sent a blank contract. The figures he put in suited Pongie Joe Cannon, and so he will be back with the club again this season.

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SCHANG EMULATES HOME RUN HITTER

Wants to Break Contract and Sign for More Salary As Catcher.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 12.—Wally Schang, the Red Sox catcher, is pulling the same stunt so successfully done by Babe Ruth. Though signed to a three-year contract, he insists upon signing a new one. His present contract has two more seasons to run, but Schang is at his home in Philadelphia, engaged in the automobile and airplane business, whatever that last may be. He has notified Manager Barrow that unless given an appreciable raise in salary he will not report this season.

Oscar Vitt's refusal to sign at the salary terms offered him is causing Barrow much deep thought. If Vitt remains out of the line-up, Eddie Foster, obtained from Washington, may be used in his place, but Al Walters, the fiery little catcher, wants a trial at third base, and may be given one. With the training season well under way, Barrow finds himself without a regular second or third baseman, his star catcher a holdout, two outfield positions in doubt and only the shreds of a pitching staff. The outlook for the coming season is far from bright for the Boston entry in the American League race.

NINE SPEEDSTERS GET TRIAL IN SHORT DASH

Nine of the fastest sprinters in the South Atlantic section will mark tomorrow night in the special fifty-yard sprint in the invitation event at Catholic University.

Dorsey Griffith and Tony Doyle, of Georgetown; J. E. Latta, of Maryland State; Davis, of St. John's; Thompson, of Johns Hopkins; Kay, of George Washington; Thompson, of Washington and Lee, and Delavergne and Glascock, of Catholic University, will report for the short classic.

The South Atlantic events will bring forth the cream of the talent. Owing to the fact that the track is narrow and the turns at the ends admit of much crowding for position, spills are freely predicted. The track is twelve laps to the mile which makes about 147 yards to the lap. The straightaways are sixty-five yards each allowing for the runs on the end of but ten yards.

Thirty-seven events which include eleven relays are on the program. The South Atlantic quarter and the open and scholastic quarters are due to be run in heats according to the program.

ONLY FOUR ARE HERE. University of Virginia runners, four in number, are but a few of the first rate speedsters at Charlottesville who will be up for the Catholic University meet tomorrow night. Gantt, Ruckart, Seward, and Wilson are expected to compete for the Orange and Blue.

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